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Hymn to Joy

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Faith and Repentance. Rom. 4. 18; 7. 18-25

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1. Let us ask t'im - port - ant ques - tion, (Breth - ren, be not too se - cure),
 2. ['Tis to trust our Well - be - lov - èd In his blood has washed us clean;
 3. ['Tis to cred - it con - tra - dic - tions; Talk with him one nev - er sees;
 4. ['Tis to hear the Hol - y Spir - it Promp - ting us to se - cret prayer;
 5. To be stead - fast in be - liev - ing, Yet to tremb - le, fear and quake;

What it is to be a Chris - tian, How we may our hearts as - sure.
 'Tis to hope our guilt's re - mov - èd, Though we feel it rise with - in;
 Cry and groan be - neath af - flic - tions, Yet to dread the thoughts of ease.
 To re - joice in Je - sus' mer - it, Yet con - tin - ual sor - row bear;
 Ever - y mom - ent be re - ceiv - ing Strength, and yet be al - ways weak;

Vain is all our best de - vo - tion, If on false foun - da - tions built;
 To be - lieve that all is fin - ished, Though so much re - mains t'en - dure;
 'Tis to feel the fight a - gainst us, Yet the vic - t'ry hope to gain;
 To re - ceive a full re - mis - sion Of our sins for ev - er - more,
 To be fight - ing, flee - ing, turn - ing; Ev - er sink - ing, yet to swim;

True re - lig - ion's more than not - ion; Some - thing must be known and felt.
 Find the dan - gers un - di - min - ished, Yet to hold de - live - rance sure.]
 To be - lieve that Christ has cleansed us, Though the lep - ros - y re - main.]
 Yet to sigh with sore con - tri - tion, Beg - ging merc - y ever - y hour.]
 To con - verse with Je - sus, mourn - ing For our - selves or else for him.